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Commissioner Vice Chair Lynda Bell Sponsors Discounted Adoptions & FREE Spay/Neuter Surgeries for Dogs and Cats!

(MIAMI, FL, June 14, 2013) – In an effort to control the pet overpopulation in Miami-Dade County, Commission Vice Chair Lynda Bell, along with the Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department; The Cat Network; The Dog Barker, and Armstrong Ford of Homestead, have joined forces to offer FREE spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats on **Sunday, June 23, 2013**. The event will take place at the Armstrong Ford Dealership located at **(30725 South Federal Highway, Homestead, FL 33030)** beginning at **8:00 am**.

Please call 3-1-1 to schedule an appointment for dogs; for cats please call 305-233-9958.

“Spaying, neutering and responsible pet ownership are key components in the effort to reducing dog and cat overpopulation. Working together, we can help the population of unwanted and homeless pets find good, loving homes.” Said Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez.

“These wonderful animals bring so much joy and happiness into our lives,” said Vice Chair Lynda Bell. *“It is critically important that these abandoned pets be adopted and spayed/neutered by caring and loving families who will ensure a long and happy life for them. “I applaud and am proud to partner with the Animal Services Department to control the County’s stray animal overpopulation, and look forward to sponsoring more of these important events in the future.”*

Requirements (NO EXCEPTIONS): Service for Miami-Dade County residents ONLY, please. Maximum of four (4) appointments per residential address. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided for all dogs and cats. Dogs and cats without a current rabies vaccine will be vaccinated at the time of surgery. **(Dogs up to 40 pounds eligible only, please)**. Cats will have their ears tipped. Veterinarians may decline surgery of any pet due to health reasons. For more information about low cost donor subsidized sterilization services, please contact <http://www.miamidade.gov/animals> or call **3-1-1**.

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